THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The various State Electricity Boards owe Rs. 355 crores to BHEL. NTPC owes Rs. 50 crores to the Company.

**Application for industrial projects from APIDC**

1460. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any application from the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation is pending clearance from the Central Government;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) what are the proposed projects submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Coporation and what are the hindrances in their clearance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Refund of deposits by the scooter companies**

1461. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Lohia Machines, M/s. Apollo Scooters and M/s. Scooters India Ltd. are not making refund of deposits to their customers promptly upon cancellation of bookings;

(b) whether Government are aware that these companies are infact making part payment of the actual dues to customers after delay of years and that too wihout interest as promised at the time of receiving deposits from customers;

(c) what is the number of customers, who cancelled their bookings before 31st July, 1988 with each of the aforesaid companies, but could not get their complete dues till 30th October, 1988; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against these companies for harassing the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Government have been receiving complaints against certain manufacturers regarding undue delay in the refund of deposits on cancellation of bookings. Most of these complaints relate to M/s. LML Limited. The company has reported that since January, 1987, they have been able to issue only part refund orders, constituting Rs. 206 of the principal amount along with the applicable interest at 7 per cent for the term of booking and at the rate of 11 per cent for the period of delay, in certain cases. The company has denied that they have made any refund without payment of applicable interest.

(c) M/s. LML Limited have reported that they received 3,68,450 cancellation requests between 1-1-87 to 31-7-88. Out of these, part refund orders constituting Rs. 200 of the principal amount with the applicable interest have been issued in respect of 95,426 cancellation requests. The number of customers who have not received any refund as on 30-10-1988 is 2,73,024.

The number of customers who cancelled their bookings with M/s. Scooters India Ltd., before 31.7.88, but could not get their dues as on 30.10.88, is 7,753.

(d) The acceptance of advance money against booking is considered a contractual obligation between the customer and the company. However with a view to